

We Wish Our Readers, Far and Near, A Happy Prosperous New Year

Yearly Programme Avondale U.F.W.A.

The Annual Meeting of the Avondale U. F. W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. Shatts on December 19th. A quilt has been finished to send to Red Cross and a donation of cash will be sent in the early part of the year to the crippled children's hospital. It was decided as the year has brought hard times thro' drouth to many people with families, that a delegate would not be sent to the convention from this local as the money needed for same would be more beneficial for needy causes. A first and second prize was given on scrap books made by Junior girls for the crippled children's hospital. Two books valued at \$15.00, Mrs. S. Thompson, Supervisor for Juniors to choose books for prizes. Mrs. Prothero, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Ballantyne acted as Judges. Winners of prizes, 1st, Florence Allen, 2nd Doris Johnson. Financial statement of the year read by Mrs. Allen, Secretary. Mrs. J. Thompson, Pres., and Mrs. Allen, Sec.-Treas., the past year declined to hold office the coming year. Results of election of officers as follows: Pres. Mrs. Isa Shotts, Vice-Pres., Mrs. Catherine Johnson, Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Elsie Coulman. All members acting directors as before. The social evening will be held at Avonlea on Tuesday evening, January 7th beginning at 7 o'clock. A vote of thanks was given to Florence Allen for acting Secretary at the November meeting in the absence of the Secretary; To Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Allen for services during the past year as president and Secretary, and to the hostesses for their services and lunch the past year.

Mrs. Prothero, violin, accompanied by Mrs. Shatts at the piano rendered some very splendid Xmas music. We all wish to thank Mrs. Prothero for her many violin solos at our meetings and hope to enroll her as a member in the near future.

Visitors, Mrs. Morgan and Margaret, Mrs. Prothero and Audrey and Jean were very welcome. The committee, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. K. Thomson and Mrs. Shatts handed in the following Semi-Yearly program.

Avondale U.F.W.A. No. 71 — 1930.

President Mrs. Isa Shotts
Vice-Pres. Mrs. Catherine Johnson
Sec.-Treas. Mrs. Elsie Coulman
Directors — all members.
Two years and a half have passed and gone.
Since the Avondale local organized strong,
With a membership of a dozen or more
Surmounting obstacles by the score
And now launching out with a firm resolve
The many problems again to solve
Keeping up the good times and up the good work.
For Avondale members never shrink.
Author—Mrs. K. Thomson.

January 23rd —

Hostess, Mrs. McCready.
O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us.
It wad frae man a blunder free us
An foolish notion:
What airs in dress an' gait wad lead us,
au e'en devotion.

Opening singing "O Canada".

Lord's Prayer, Mrs. J. Thompson leading. Discussion by members: "Reasons why we should support our Local." A New Year's resolution.

Entertainment, A Scotch reading by Mrs. Muir. Paper cake making, Mrs. C. C. Riddle. Roll Call, Original sayings of children. Current Events by all members. Question box. Closing "Auld Lang Syne".

February 20th —

Hostess, Mrs. Muir.

You'll find that with you things are not so bad.

If you just make the best of things; You'll find that your heart need not be so sad.

If you just make the best of things; You'll find that the mean things of life are few.

Compared with the blessings that God offered you;

You'll find it's a real fine world thro' and thro'.

If you just make the best of things; Opening song, "The Maple Leaf Forever."

Forever."
Twenty-third Psalm, Mrs. E. Johnson leading.
Discussion: Paper on "New Canadian Flag" by Mrs. E. Prior.
Entertainment: Reading by Mrs. E. Whiteley, Letter, Mrs. L. Gray, Avondale local news, Mrs. J. Ballentine, Roll Call, Ways of making bits of money for a flower fund. Current Events, Question Box. "God Save the King."

March 20th —

Hostess, Mrs. Haun.

Tomorrow you will live, you always cry

In what far country does this tomorrow lie

That 'tis so long ere it arrives?

Beyond the Indies does this tomorrow live?

'Tis so far fetched, this morrow, that I fear

'Twill be both very old and very dear.

Tomorrow I will live, the fool does say;

Today itself's too late, the wise lived yesterday.

Opening song, "Rights for All".

Lord's Prayer, Mrs. Ceasar leading.

Discussion: Paper, "World Peace" by Mrs. Allen, Members contributing.

Entertainment: Duet, by Mrs. G. Coulman and Mrs. E. Prior. Mrs. Zella Spencer's U.F.A. letter read by Mrs. Carrington. Violin solo, Mrs. Prothero. Roll Call, Proverbs. Current Events by members. Question box. Closing song, "Where the River Shannon Flows".

April 19th —

Hostess, Mrs. Elsie Coulman.

"The Year's at the Spring

And days at the morn

Morning's at seven

The hillside dew-pearled,

The larks on the wing

The snail's on the thorn,

'God's in His Heaven

All's well with the world.

— Robt. Browning.

Opening song, "Maple Leaf Forever".

Lord's Prayer, Mrs. Haun leading.

Discussion, "Arrange for Directors visit. Debate: Resolved that more National benefit to the world is derived from the agricultural than the professional man."

Entertainment, Piano solo, Florence Allen; Paper on Easter by Mrs. M. Thomson. Violin solo by Mrs. Prothero accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Shotts. Roll Call, Household Hints, Current Events by each member. Question box. Closing song "Home Sweet Home."

May 22nd —

Hostess, Mrs. Riddle.

"Ships that pass in the night

And speak each other in passing.

Only a signal shown

And a distant voice in the darkness.

So on the ocean of life

We pass and speak one another

Only a look and a voice

Then darkness again and silence,"

Tennyson

Opening song "The Farmers Movement Naught Can Stay." Prayer, Mrs. Ceasar. Discussion "What further benefits have we derived from another year of meetings," also plans for summer picnic. Entertainment: Songs by Howard, Margaret and Kathleen Riddle. Making Paper flowers by Mrs. Marshall. Roll Call, Suggestions for best kind of garden flowers to be grown in short seasons.

Current Events by members. Question box. Closing, "God Save the King."

June 19th —

Hostess, Mrs. W. Gray.

"Finally brethren, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

—Extract from Paul's letter to Philippians.

Opening song, "Old Folks at Home".

Lord's Prayer, Mrs. McCready leading.

Entertainment, Speech by director of U. F. W. A. for Battle River. Special music. Roll call. Getting the best out of life. Current Events by members. Question box. Closing, "God Save the King."

CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

UNITED CHURCH NOTES

The winter schedule of services is in effect, and every Sunday there will be services at Alma Mater and Irma. The service at Alma Mater will be at 3 p.m. and all the people north of town within reasonable distance are invited to attend this service. The people of Ross and Roseberry are asked to combine with the Alma Mater congregation until the summer schedule goes into effect. The town service will be at the usual hour of 7:30 p.m. We are contemplating the starting of song services before the regular service, commencing at 7:15 p.m. The pastor would like suggestions and comments on this plan.

The New Year season is with us. Last Sunday special attention was given to the importance of this festival especially as it reminds us of the great fact that we may make a new start. This is an important conception of human life, because it suggests that we have the making of our own life in our hands. The pastor offers a motto for the New Year, Phillips 3 Ch. 13-14 vs. This passage may be summed up in the well-known words "The Unmost for the Highest." If we can follow the teachings of this motto, then the New Year will be one of achievement and success in all worthwhile things. A Happy New Year to all.

The Prayer Services will be resumed on Fridays of each week at 7:45 p.m. We heartily invite all members and friends of the church to avail themselves of the inspiration of these meetings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Sunday School of the Irma United Church have secured 100 per cent attendance for the past three months and have earned the second button for which they were striving. Congratulations. Beginners—Harry Elford, Evelyn Elford, Edna Schonert, Phyllis Schonert, Tony Smith, Jimmy Smith and Myrtle Knudson.

Primary—Glady's Geeson, Clarence Carter, Allison Carter, Ruth Reeds, Margaret Tate.

Juniors—Irene Geeson, Ethel Tate, Dorothy Geeson, Aletha Knudson, Ina Mathison, Lewis Geeson, He'en Knudson.

Intermediate Boys—Ray Locke and Ralph Schonert.

Senior Girls—Eva Congdon, Eleanor Barber, Anna Peterson, Mary Stimson.

Senior Boys—Frank Maguire, John Schonert, Merle Knudson.

Adults—J. H. Elliott, Miss M. Price, Miss A. Wilson.

Teachers and Officers—I. S. Reeds, Mrs. A. H. Locke, Mr. A. H. Locke, Mrs. L. Shaw, Mrs. T. M. Reeds, Mr. Dennis Barber, Mrs. J. Geeson, Mrs. L. A. Shon.

This makes a total of 39 out of an average attendance of approximately 70.

ANGELIC CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday next, January 5th in the Irma United Church at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.

The W. A. will meet on January 14 at the home of Mrs. G. Higginson at 2:30 p.m.

A. M. Trendell, Vicar, Wainwright held a very successful social evening and Christmas tree in Kelfers Hall on Friday, December 27th when about a hundred adults and children met and spent a very enjoyable time.

The first part of the evening there were games and contests followed by a dainty lunch. Then Santa Claus appeared and presented gifts to all the Sunday School children, then every child received a sack of nuts, candies and orange. The evening closed with a few old time dances, which everyone enjoyed.

I. O. O. F. NOTICE

Officers and members of Irma Lodge No. 56 I.O.O.F. Irma, Alta., please note there will be an important meeting on Tuesday evening, January 7th, 1930, in the Lodge room at 8 p.m. sharp. All members are urged to attend.

Mr. Hasse returned Thursday after spending a few days in Edmonton. Miss Price, music teacher, has been spending the holidays in and around Calgary.

NEWS ITEMS FROM KINSELLA

Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Bechell of Killam spent Christmas with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. V. Justik.

Among those that are home from Normal and teaching are the following: Jack Corbett and Miss Edith Corbett, Miss Marian Watson and Mr. Joe Justik, Miss Maxine Wachter and Mr. Jack Stronach who have spent the holidays with their parents.

Miss Bessie Hart of Viking spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Hart at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. H. Austin.

Miss Cissy Ricks of Viking spent Christmas with her parents north east of town.

A surprise party was held last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Revell. A number from town attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray entertained for Christmas the following: Mr. and Mrs. James Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murray and Mr. and Mrs. George Lee and daughter.

A party was given for Miss Agnes Horneck at the home of her parents east of town on Friday evening. A number of the young people from town attended. Miss Agnes Horneck is attending school at Killam this year.

Miss Ella Cornack spent the holidays at her home north of town.

Mr. Ben Wachter foreman of a gang is spending the holiday week at his home here.

Mr. J. Ansell of Wainwright spent a few days at his home here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wangness and daughter Norma left last Thursday morning on the flyer for a visit in the States.

Mrs. V. A. Justik and sister left on Wednesday of this week for the States where they were called by the serious illness of their mother.

Messrs Ferries and Justik went to Edmonton on Monday evening.

Miss L. L. Lurie and Mr. John Bechell are spending the holiday at Seba Beach with the former's parents.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. R. L. Eaton on Thursday, January 9th, at 3 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

On Friday, December 20th, the following program was given by the Sunday School of the Irma United Church:

Opening Address—Mr. Locke's Senior boys.

Buying Hats—A Dialogue by H. S. girls.

When Santa Claus Had the Flu—Dialogue by Dennis Barber's Intermediate Boys.

Mary Christmas—Dialogue by C. L. T. girls.

Dramatization of Christmas Stories—Mrs. Reeds' Juniors.

Aunt Serena as a Christmas Present—Dialogue by Mrs. Shaw's Senior girls.

Charades—Dialogue by H. S. girls.

Christmas Dolls—Song and Drill by Mrs. Simmon's Primary Class.

A Drill and March—Marjorie Locke's Beginners.

A Chorus—The Mission Band.

Stories of Jesus—Chorus by the school.

The Wastebasket

Heard among the high school boys: "She found her idol had feet of clay when he made that had break in the hockey game." "Yes, and his name is mud with her now."

Heard at the schoolhouse: Teachers: "You mustn't say 'I ain't going,' you must say: 'I am not going.' 'He is not going,' 'We are not going.' 'They are not going.' " Kid: "Ain't nobody goin'!"

"Now that you are married," said a local man to a young fellow on the street here Monday, "I suppose you are finding out all your wife's likes and dislikes?" "Well, I'm beginning to wonder if she has any likes," he replied.

"I'll be perfectly frank with you," said an Irma fellow to his jawrow girl, "You're not the first girl I've kissed by a long shot." "And I'll be perfectly frank with you," she replied, "You've got a great deal to learn at that."

It is easy to run into debt, but to get out you will have to crawl.

COMMUNICATION

The Secretary-Treasurer, Village of Irma, Irma, Alta.

Dear Sir—

We regret very much the inconvenience which was occasioned by an interruption to your service on the afternoon and evening of Christmas Day. From the Company's standpoint it was particularly annoying that our customers should have been without service for such an excessive period, in view of the fact that any failure in our Edmonton supply was amply protected by standby plants which were all operating a few minutes after the interruption occurred.

Our inability to locate some of our employees for switching purposes was responsible for the delay in restoring service promptly. Ordinarily this would be an inexorable fate but we felt, in disciplining the employees at fault, that consideration should be given the fact that it was Christmas Day, also to the loyal cooperation and support we have received from them.

We are taking all possible measures to prevent a recurrence and sincerely trust that your service will be satisfactory in the future.

Yours truly,

Calgary Power Company, Limited.

SILVER LANE NOTES

SILVER LANE SCHOOL DIST.

No. 2364

We had a slap bang top notch Christmas concert last Friday night that was a credit to our teacher, Miss Sanders and to our children. A fine tree beautifully decorated and well loaded with presents for all the children there. Apples and oranges for the older ones. The large audience who thoroughly enjoyed themselves, many indulging in a dance after the refreshments had been served. Christmas is a time when we should think of Glory to God in the highest, Peace on earth, good will toward men.

The programme was as follows:

Song—Merry Christmas.

Drill—Merry Christmas Juniors.

Recitation—"Forgotten Lines" by Norma Bronson.

Dialogue—Bottle of Brown.

Song—"Blue Ridge Mountain Home" by Garnet Bergquist.

Recitation—"The Trials of a Twin" by Pete Harvey.

Recitation—"Mending Dolly's Stocking" by Opal Bergquist.

Song—"King Wenceslas" by Stella Latham and Lora Bronson.

Dialogue—Prindle's Proposal.

Song—"Bim Song".

Dance—Stella Latham.

Recitation—"Russian Courtship" by Gordon Reid.

Song—"Lullaby" by Juniors.

Monologue—Digesting the Newspaper, by Garnet Bergquist.

Drill—Christmas Wreaths.

Song—"Wreck of the Old '97" by Opal Bergquist.

Recitation—"Saint Nick" by Buster Beresh.

Dialogue—"Trouble in Santa Claus Land".

Song—"Sleighing Song".

Recitation—"Eyes Like Pies", by Lola Bronson.

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Peace On Earth, Goodwill Toward Men

"Interdependence," a monthly review published by the League of Nations Society, in Canada, has rendered a real service to Canada, and incidentally to the cause of world peace, by printing its current issue the complete text of the magnificently inspiring speech delivered by the Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, at the state dinner, rendered him by the Government of Canada, in the House of Commons at Ottawa. Mr. MacDonald's fine message to the Canadian people, containing such a sincere and impassioned plea for international understanding and a will to peace, was listened to over the radio by hundreds of thousands of people in this country and the United States. That national service is now strengthened by the reprint of the full text of Mr. MacDonald's speech, thus enabling people to read this message again and ponder over it at their leisure.

This same issue of "Interdependence," which, by the way, is distributed to members of the League of Nations Society throughout Canada, or can be had for the trifling subscription price of one dollar a year, also contains the text of the address given by Roch P. Nard, the 18-year-old Quebec boy, who won the International Oratorical Contest, held at Washington, D.C., before President Hoover, in October last. The subject of Roch P. Nard's address was "Canada Among the Nations," and, like P. Nard's speech, is one well worthy of the consideration of the people of this country. It will intensify a Canadian's pride in, and love for, his Dominion. Equally important, and essential to that pride and love, it will further impress upon all readers the absolute necessity for the cultivation of understanding and goodwill among all classes of the Canadian population, based on knowledge, which alone can render ineffective those periodical appeals to passion and prejudice through which designing persons seek to sway the emotions of our people. Mutual understanding, mutual goodwill, mutual appreciation of each other's good qualities, must exist as the basis of peace and cordiality of relations among the various races which make up Canada's cosmopolitan population.

Domestic peace in Canada, it is hardly necessary to say, is the first requirement if this Dominion is to successfully play the role of peace protagonist among all the nations, and an effective member of the League of Nations. From the inception of the League of Nations, Canada has been one of its most influential members. The influence of this Dominion in the councils of the nations is far greater than its population and wealth and world power would accord to it. That influence radiates from the successes already achieved by Canada in solving for itself some of the most vexatious problems now troubling other countries. That influence can be retained and further extended to such extent only that Canadians themselves put into every day practice those rules of conduct which the maintenance of peace among all nations demands shall be observed.

Canada stands for world peace. This fact is recognized by all nations. It is also recognized that as a people we have no ulterior motives in our membership in the League of Nations; that our presence there is solely from a desire to serve others and further the cause of international goodwill and world peace. As a people we unhesitatingly and uncomplainingly bore our burden when an unwelcome war was forced upon mankind. We gave an unstinted measure, and we are paying our own bills without asking help from anybody. This is recognized and appreciated by other nations, and our influence is correspondingly great. So, too, is our responsibility. We must, therefore, first of all be true to ourselves and to those ideals we advocate for adoption by all other peoples and nations.

Finally, "Interdependence" notes with satisfaction the offer of Premier Mackenzie King, to provide suitable copies of the Briand-Kellogg pact outlawing war to Provincial Departments of Education which will undertake to distribute them to the schools, and to churches which will give it a place in their edifices. Unquestionably the future peace of the world depends on the determination in the minds of the people, consequently through the schools and churches can the next generation be best reached. The pact, to which Canada's signature is attached, outlawing war as an instrument of national policy, should have a place on the walls of every church and school throughout this broad Dominion. It is a message of "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Congratulates Winner

Herman Trelle Is Pleased That Red Spring Reward What Takes Highest Honors

"Nobody is more pleased than I am over the fact that Joseph Smith, of Wolf Creek, Alberta, has won the world's wheat championship at Chicago," declared Herman Trelle, of Wembley, Peace River, former holder of the championship. "I am particularly pleased that Red Spring Reward was the winning wheat."

It was recalled by Mr. Trelle that the district where the championship wheat was grown was not considered previously as a particularly good wheat country. The success attained by Mr. Smith, he added, showed that varieties of grain can be adapted for any conditions in Alberta and are bound to prove successful if the experiments are made by persons with the qualifications of the 1929 champion.

Head waiter—"The table in that corner is reserved for ladies."
Guest—"But there is no table in that corner."
Head waiter—"Well, no ladies ever come here."

The Egyptians of the pyramid-building age established a scale of proportion for human and animal sculptures.

Smothering Spells Couldn't Walk Far Gaspod For Breath

Mrs. T. W. Roth, Kelowna, B.C., writes—"For over a year I was troubled with smothering spells, and it was impossible for me to walk even a short distance on account of having to gasp for breath. A friend told me to try



which I did, and in a short time I felt much better. I can now recommend them to everyone. Price, 50c, a box at all druggists and dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

W. N. U. 1816

Clothing and Safety

Industrial Institutions Enforcing Rules Against Ragged Workmen

Workmen on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad will henceforth wear form-fitting clothing. There will be no more ragged sleeves, dangling tassels on shirts, or flapping shoe soles. The matter of neatness enters into the decision to enforce these regulations, but the greater factor is that of safety.

It is only within the last few years that those in charge of industry have come to a full realization of the danger that lies in loose and ragged clothing. Men working about moving machinery are in constant peril, if anything is dangling from their clothing which is likely to become caught in a belt or flywheel. The constantly increasing number of accidents from this cause finally taught its lesson, and more and more factories and other industrial institutions are enforcing rules of safe dressing.

As a matter of fact, a large part of safety in industry has to do with clothing.

Largest Free Tree Distribution

8,673,650 Trees Sent Out To Prairie Farmers In Spring Of 1929

The number of trees distributed in the spring of 1929 from the forest nurseries maintained by the Forest Service, Department of the Interior, at Indian Head and Sutherland, Saskatchewan, was the largest ever sent out in any one year. The total number of trees sent to farmers in the Prairie Provinces was 8,673,650—4,360,174 from the Indian Head nursery, and 4,313,476 from the Sutherland nursery. The total number of applicants who received trees was 7,452.

Constructing Central Heating Plant The Northern Engineering and Development Company, Winnipeg, has taken out a permit for \$60,000 for the construction of the first unit of the central steam heating plant, and work will be begun at once.

Twenty-six days were required for the trip of the first steamer to cross the Atlantic.

Douglas fir trees produce almost a quarter of the lumber output of this country.

Waters of the deep sea cover 115,000,000 square miles with an average depth of two miles.

Making Survey For Gibraltar Tunnel

Work Likely To Involve Large Political As Well As Engineering Features

The work of examining the rock strata of the Straits of Gibraltar for a tunnel between Europe and Africa is under way, but while the attention of the world is focused on its structural problems, the tunnel also has involved political and engineering features.

During the World War the captain general at Cadix, who now is Premier Primo de Rivera, made a speech suggesting that Spain join the war on the side of the allies and that in return for this England should give Gibraltar back to Spain. The captain general lost his position for making this speech as an official. This was Primo de Rivera's first political speech.

When Primo de Rivera became dictator in 1923, no one remembered the action of the former captain general at Cadix. Spain always has had a secret desire to get Gibraltar back and it is expected the tunnel project will be an excuse to reopen the subject. It is expected that if the system made an arrangement to get Gibraltar back it would be an achievement that Spain never would forget.

A retrenchment program has been announced for Spain, and it is doubted that it would spend money on the tunnel for years. It is not expected that England would part with Gibraltar, but if the tunnel leads to the reopening of negotiations by which Spain would regain possession on the basis of a lease for 100 or 500 years, possibly with a renewal option, there would be great rejoicing at Madrid.

Pirates Plans Frustrated

Chinese Pirates Are Captured By Aid Of Wireless

The alertness of a wireless operator prevented the escape of Chinese pirates who killed the third officer of the steamer, "Haiching," attempted to loot the vessel and finally set fire to it.

Two British warships, the "Seraph" and "Sterling," arrived in answer to the "Haiching's" S.O.S., extinguished the fire and captured the pirates before they could get away. The two war craft toward the "Haiching" to Hong Kong, with all the pirates prisoners aboard.

The bandits laid their plans according to the regular system. They boarded the "Haiching" as regular passengers when the 2,080-ton vessel belonging to the Douglas Steamship Company, left Swatow for Hong Kong.

Early this morning they swarmed out and attacked the bridge. Members of the crew returned to the deck and repulsed them. Third Officer K. A. Woodward died as the result of wounds and First Officer R. Perry also was wounded. Several of the pirates were killed.

Frustrated in their first attempt, the pirates set fire to the ship. They apparently still hoped to gain control, after which they would plunder the "Haiching" and escape in boats to the nearby shore. But they reckoned without the wireless operator and the warships.

Interesting Wild Life

Many interesting wild animals known to most people only in a zoo can be seen and studied in their natural environment in Waterton Lakes National Park, in the southwest corner of the province of Alberta. In this reserve there are big-horn, or Rocky Mountain sheep, mountain goat, black bear, moose, elk, beaver, and many kinds of small fur-bearers.

Miller's Worm powders will clear the stomach and bowels of worms, so that the child will no more be troubled by their ravages. The powders are sweet to the taste and no child will object to taking them. They are non-injurious in their composition, and while in some cases they may cause vomiting, that must not be taken as a sign that they are assaulting, but as an indication of their effective work.

"Has my boy," wrote the proud parent to the school-master, "a natural bent in any direction?" "He has," replied the master. "He gives every indication of being an industrial magnate some day. He gets all the other boys to do all his work for him."

That Irritating Cough

complications. will stop a cough, and prevent taken internally with molasses. A half teaspoon of Minard's



The New World Bank

Will Do For International Finances What League Does For International Politics

To the second Hague conference now or soon to be in operative session, will be presented the completed report of the committee of experts appointed to frame the statutes and charter of the proposed Bank of International Settlement. Agreement followed long and protracted discussions, and as the headquarters of the bank have now been finally located at Zurich, Switzerland, early materialization of the project may be expected after the conference has adopted the report and otherwise ended the lengthy negotiations required to arrange the details of the new institution, as an integral factor in the German reparations settlement.

The bank, according to the present agreement, will not have a broad powers as have sometimes been suggested. It will simply take the place of the agent-general for reparations payments in handling the transfer of all sums between Germany and the Allies and will be empowered to supervise and assist in the commercialization of certain parts of the German annuities. It will have the power to perform various ordinary banking operations to facilitate its work, but it will always be constrained to act in strict conformity with the wishes of the central banks concerned. The dissent of any one of them would be sufficient to prevent its taking any proposed action.

If the political problems still remaining in connection with certain phases of the bank's trust agreement are satisfactorily worked out at this second conference, the World Bank will thus be definitely incorporated in the Young Plan as it will be submitted to the nations concerned for ratification of their respective Parliaments. A start will have been made to do for international finances what the League does for international law. If the bank's beginnings are somewhat humble, there is no telling the place it may some day come to hold in maintaining the peaceful balance of all international relations.

Advertising Canadian Apples

British Papers Urge People To Buy More Of Them

British doctors must be good fellows. They have uttered no word of protest against the tremendous influx of Canadian apples, although every season Canada is sending Great Britain about 150,000,000 pounds of apples. Far from being disturbed over this Canadian outpouring to keep the doctor away, they are doubtless contributing handsomely in the form of taxes to pay for the publicity of the Empire Marketing Board. At the present time the daily newspapers display advertisements urging the British consumers to "Buy Canadian Apples." Before initiating the campaign through the daily papers, the Empire Marketing Board inserted advertisements in the leading trade papers in Great Britain with the object of preparing the fruit trade for an increased demand for Canadian apples. In addition to the general advertisement in the papers with an aggregate circulation of nearly nineteen million readers, the Empire Marketing Board is sending out an instructive pamphlet told about Canadian apples from the time when the sturdy Scottish settler at Inverloch, John McIntosh, in 1796, produced the first famous McIntosh Red. The pamphlet includes a number of recipes for serving Canadian apples in puddings, pies, tarts and other dishes.

Outwitted Police

Students of Ogdensburg, Hungary, who were resolved to conclude the demonstration of protest against the reparations payments, kept police at bay by singing the national anthem during their speeches. The police were forced, in accordance with army orders, to stand inactive at attention, while the singing continued.

One of the commonest complaints of infants is worms, and the most effective application for them is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

Synthetic Gold

G. P. Aston and H. W. Attack, two chemical research workers, of New Zealand, have made the statement that through an electric magnetic process they have been able to change certain elements into gold. During their research Aston claims he discovered a new force, "chromadyne," which is said to be ten times more powerful than electricity.

Manitoba Telephones

The Manitoba Telephone System reports a noteworthy increase in net earnings for the ten months ended September 30th, being \$243,887 as compared with \$187,977 for the same period of last year.

General Conditions Fundamentally Sound

Sir Charles Gordon, President, at Annual Meeting of Bank of Montreal, Draws Attention to Great Strides Made by Canada During Recent Years.

Sir Charles Gordon's presidential address at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal will exert a far-reaching influence upon economic conditions in Canada.

Reviewing the business situation in Canada, Sir Charles referred to the unbroken expansion of the first ten months of the year and extending back over a five-year period, the most marked advance being in the field of mining, and he said that Canadian activity was such that the Canadian banks took no special advantage of the high rates offered in New York; their money was fully employed in the Dominion and "every legitimate need of this country was taken care of at much lower rates than prevailed in the United States."

There is good ground for general business confidence, said Sir Charles Gordon's statement that no inflation is apparent in any of the basic commodities of Canadian commerce. He spoke frankly of such unfavorable influences as the reduction in the crop and its slow movement, and the electric power, and while immigration shows a decline there is also a reduction in the loss through emigration. On the other hand, mining and industrial development in the West, and branch line railway construction, are beneficial influences. He said he has been at his peak; markets are being found for new developments of hydro-electric power, and while immigration shows a decline there is also a reduction in the loss through emigration. "Fundamental conditions are sound, and there is no reason for apprehension as to the ultimate future of Canada."

General Manager's Address Mr. H. B. Mackenzie, the general manager, surveyed the bank's operations of the past year and made a pregnant diagnosis of actual economic conditions.

Mr. Mackenzie's analysis of the salient features of the balance sheet is not only convincing of a healthy growth in the volume of the bank's business and of its strong liquid position, but it is testimony also of a determination to continue the same sound and energetic management that is traditional of the institution. "Our customers in all lines of production and commerce," he said, "have, as always, been our chief care, and their needs have been fully supplied; but we have recently been declining numerous applications for large and small, for loans against good collateral but to be used for other than business purposes, generally the purchase of securities. These applications had become so numerous that they threatened to encroach upon the money needed to finance the country's business."

There is in the proceedings at the Bank of Montreal meeting abundant proof that credit is sound. "Business," Mr. Mackenzie said, "will be somewhat quieter while we are getting 'back to realities, but the realities in both countries—Canada and the United States—afford firm basis for a healthy optimism."

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Commander Byrd Defended

British Explorers Cannot Understand Reported Charges Of Norwegian Airman

British explorers came to the defence of Commander Richard E. Byrd, against the reported charges of Major Trygve Gran, Norwegian airman and explorer who was a member of the Scott Antarctic expedition.

Major Gran was quoted in a Copenhagen despatch to the Daily Mail, as saying that the terrible mountains which Commander Byrd described were a fantasy.

Captain R. G. England, who commanded the "Nimrod" of Shackleton's first expedition in 1907, said he could not understand Major Gran's reported statement.

"It is all the more extraordinary because Gran was one of Scott's men," said Capt. England. "It would be nothing short of a miracle if Scott men did not see mountains near the South Pole. On the east there is the Queen Alexandra range, 15,000 feet in height, and on the west the Queen Maud range which is about the same height. These mountains have been actually surveyed and measured."

Captain William Olbeck, who was a member of the Southern Cross Expedition of 1898-99 said: "It is well known there are mountains near the South Pole. Commander Byrd would probably see them from 100 miles away because of his height in his aeroplane. His was a magnificent flight."

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Minard's Liniment for Coughs.

The Coast line of Great Britain measures 2,755 miles; Italy's exceeds this by about 300 miles.

The two most widely spoken languages in Europe are German and Russian.

The oldest known musical instrument is the bell.

Grows Championship Wheat In a District Supposed To Be Unsuitable For Farming

To win the world's championship for hard spring wheat is no small achievement in these days of world champion growers, but to grow wheat in a district that was supposed to be unsuitable for wheat growing, a district that people years ago left as impossible is a feat that has not been duplicated since world championships for wheat were first established. Yet such is the experience of J. H. D. Smith, a farmer living at Wolf Creek, east of Edson, on the main line of the Canadian National Railway.

The experience of Mr. Smith is in many respects similar to that of other men who have brought this coveted honor to western Canada. Coming from Leicester, England, in 1907, he engaged in several pursuits before he took up a homestead in the Wolf Creek district, in 1913, when the country was just opening up. While farming was not his profession, he soon began to show signs of a successful exhibitor. The following year he took three prizes at the Edson Agricultural fair for wheat, oats and potatoes. In 1915 he sent his first exhibit to Edmonton and won second place for oats, but it was not until 1920, that he began to tackle the world show at Chicago, when with his first attempt he took 15th place for oats. In 1924, he took 17th place with Marquis wheat and he has shown every year since 1920, with the exception one year when his crop was hailed out.

Besides the exhibits he has been sending to Chicago, he has been found on the list of successful exhibitors at Canadian fairs for years, and has been gradually climbing up to one of the most consistent growers in the province. Some years ago Mr. Smith began to lose faith in Marquis wheat, and in spite of opposition he pinned his faith to the new Reward wheat, which he claimed would eventually bring the championship to him. He has stuck fast to this faith, tended his plots with painstaking care, and this year his labors were rewarded with such a fine sample that for the first time he felt satisfied to send it to Chicago, declaring as he did so, that the wheat that would beat it had not been grown.

Floor Of Atlantic Shifts

Earthquake Along Eastern Coast On November 18 Causes Submarine Upheaval

That the bed of the North Atlantic was shifted as a result of the earthquake of November 18, was indicated at Halifax in reports from cable ships assigned to the task of repairing the submerged breaks. Soundings showed that the floor of the ocean had been moved and that fishing banks had shifted as a result of the disturbance. Breaks in the cables connecting the old world with the new have been plotted over an area 400 miles south-east and 300 miles north-west of Halifax. In some cases several breaks occurred in the same cable over a distance of 100 miles.

World's Smallest Engine

Among the exhibits at the recent Model Engineers' Exhibition in London, England, was a horizontal engine so small that it is almost impossible to see the working parts in motion without a magnifying glass. It is only a quarter of an inch long and is worked by compressed air. A hair from the head of the wife of the model-maker forms the driving belt.

Trees In Waterton Lakes Park

The alpine larch, one of the most beautiful of mountain trees, gives a special grace to many a high pass in Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta. This tree grows in the last belt approaching timber line. The other principal trees in this Dominion playground are poplar, lodgepole pine, white-barked pine, Douglas fir, alpine fir, and Englemann spruce.



"What is this overtime you are claiming?"
"The evening you invited me to dine with you."—Wahne Jakob, Berlin.

W. N. O. 1816

Sales At Saskatoon Stockyards Increase

Will Total More Than Two and a Half Million Dollars This Year

Sales of livestock at the Union stockyards at Saskatoon will total more than two and a half million dollars this year, or more than three times the sales in 1928, when the amount was approximately \$300,000. There are eight public stockyards in Canada, situated at Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert and Saskatoon. Saskatoon is the most recently established of the eight. Packing plants are located 'at all' of these points with the exception of Saskatoon where the yards have only been in operation for two years.

"The rapid growth of the business at Saskatoon makes it inevitable that a packing plant will be located here in the near future," W. D. Blackwell, manager of the Union stockyards here, stated. He foresees a rapid growth of interest in livestock in the Saskatoon area.

More than half of the animals sold through the yards come in by trucks. "There is a growing movement towards mixed farming in the area around Saskatoon," Mr. Blackwell said, "and a great improvement in the type of livestock kept. Nearby farmers are also finding that they can feed animals to advantage. During the past eleven months 907 cattle, 92 calves, 5,963 hogs and 300 sheep went out to feeders.

In addition to the local sales amounting to an equivalent of 1,063 carloads of livestock during the past 11 months, there have been 1,036 carloads fed and watered at the yards, while passing through Saskatoon on a through-billing. In the opinion of Mr. Blackwell many of these would be consigned here if a packing plant were located at this point.

Teaching Children

Truth About War

The Only Way To Combat Misrepresentation, Says Major Drew

The lesson of Empire co-operation during the war should be the guiding star of Empire today, said Major George A. Drew, master of the supreme court of Ontario and author of articles on Canada's war effort, in addressing the Columbus Forum at Montreal. Major Drew believed that knowledge could best be imparted by teaching Canadian children the truth about the Empire's record in the Great War.

Major Drew thought it would be fine if the war could be forgotten in the interests of the furthering of peace, as many desired, were it not for the food of misrepresentation regarding the war which must be off. He quoted editorial statement in a United States magazine of last week, declaring the war had been fought because Britain was afraid of Germany's navy. Also General Pershing has claimed two weeks ago that the Amer can Meuse-Argonne campaign was responsible for the Germans seeking an armistice. Official statements from German commanders showed this to be utterly untrue, said Major Drew. Official American records contradicted the further Pershing statement that 300,000 men were engaged at Chateau Thierry by showing the number was actually 85,000. These were but two instances of the many mis-statements which had to be met and could best be countered by the schools.

Working On New Problem

Dwarf hens not much larger than baby chickens may be evolved by the University of Saskatchewan. Scientists at Saskatoon predict production of a race of poultry so small that in future the birds may be an added ornament in the bay windows or apartment houses. It is claimed that the dwarf bantams will be good egg producers but the eggs will be small in comparison.

An Adaptable Maid

Bridget: "Madame, you ordered eggs for breakfast and there's not an egg in the house."
Mrs. Richquick: "Well, Bridget, just use a little ingenuity."
Bridget: "All right, mumm. Do you want it fried and where will I find it?"

My brother ought to get along with his new wife. Their tastes is congenial—they both love her.

Of 124 child workers recently found on canal boats in England, 76 were under 12 years of age.

SWINE CLUB CHAMPIONS OF CANADA



Two brothers, Lindsey and Gordon Weir, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, who won the Dominion Championship, in swine club work at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, recently. The two boys are shown with W. D. Robb, Vice-President of the Canadian National Railway, who donated for annual competition the Robb Trophy, which carries with it the Dominion Championship. For the second year this trophy goes to Prince Albert; last year two girls from this district received the honor.

Alberta-Saskatchewan Boundary

Follows Straight Line For Nearly 700 Miles and Is Longest Surveyed Straight Line

The boundary between Alberta and Saskatchewan is the Fourth Meridian of the Dominion Lands survey system, which crosses approximately with the 110th meridian of west longitude and under instructions from the Surveyor General, Department of the Interior, has been surveyed from the International Boundary northward to Lake Athabasca, a distance in a straight line of nearly seven hundred miles, constituting one of the longest surveyed straight lines in the world.

Amenities In Politics

Kind Words Of Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin To Premier MacDonald

In the British parliament on Wednesday, the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, Conservative leader, congratulated Premier MacDonald on his visit to the United States and said that he himself had desired to visit the republic as prime minister.

"But there is no feeling of regret or envy in my heart," added Mr. Baldwin. "I rejoice it has been done. I am happy it has fallen to the right honorable gentleman to do it. I hope it will not be the last time."—Toronto Star.

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Canadian Emigration To U. S. Is Slowing Down and Tide Appears To Have Turned

Sunflower Silage Good For Young Sheep

Proves Better Food Than Mixture Of Oats, Peas and Vetches

Silage from sunflowers proved a better succulent food than silage made from a mixture of oats, peas and vetches, for the wintering of young sheep at the Northern Ontario Experimental Station. For six years feeding tests were carried on during the winter months with lambs born the previous spring. The ration of other foods was exactly the same for thirty-day periods each year. During the first five years of the test the ration given to each lamb consisted of silage, one pound, clover, hay, two pounds, and grain one-half pound per day. In 1928, however, the amount of silage fed, was determined by the percentage of dry matter which it contained. The oats, peas and vetches silage, having been found to contain less moisture, was afterwards fed at the rate of a pound per day, while the sunflower silage was fed at the rate of one and one-half pounds per day for each lamb. The grain mixture used was composed of whole oats three parts, bran one part by weight, plus five per cent. of oil cake. The average daily gain made over the thirty-day period amounted to 23 of a pound by those fed, and 21.08 for the others. The experiment is described and the results given in the report of the superintendent of the experimental station at Kapuskasung, Ontario, published by the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa.

Wholesale movement of the cleverest and most enterprising of Canada's sons to the United States, attracted by the glamor of riches in the larger American cities has dropped considerably.

Correspondingly the influx of Americans into Canada has increased, and leaders of both countries are considering the significance of the change. Wesley Frost, United States consul-general, at Montreal, states in commenting on the change:

"Canadian emigration has slowed down, and the tide appears definitely to have turned. Our consular records confirm this, since a large share of the emigrants in Canada on our visa waiting lists, are now declining the opportunity to cross the American border, when their turns are reached."

"Canada's development will certainly now for a time be more rapid than that of the United States and the balance of migration will in all probability swing strongly into Canada's favor and remain so for at least two or three decades. We cannot honorably lament this change, for we owe Canada more than we can ever pay in the way of high grade man power."

"Moreover, those of our countrymen, who become whole-souled Canadians, as many of them do, will enhance mutual comprehension between the two people."

New Human Disease

Caught From Rabbit

Wear Rubber Gloves When Dressing Wild Rabbit, Doctors Say

Never eat a rabbit that you can kill with a club, for it's probably sick, advises Dr. C. C. Ruhland, Commissioner of Health, in a statement issued at Syracuse, N.Y., recently. And Tularemia, the disease that slows down the rabbit, can kill the hunter, for according to American statistics, out of 420 cases, 17 have ended fatally. Thus the mortality is about 4 per cent.

Generally the infection comes from dressing the animal, the germ entering the human hand through an abrasion, at the point of which an ulcer is raised. The onset of the disease is sudden, often occurring while the patient is at work, and is characterized by headache, nausea, chills, excessive perspiration, body pains, prostration and fever. The latter symptom is always present and continues for two or three weeks.

Tularemia, so named because it was discovered in a ground squirrel in Tulare County, California, is caused by a germ, Bacterium Tularensis. Cases of the disease among humans have been found in all parts of the States, excepting New England. Rabbit meat thoroughly cooked, however, is harmless since a temperature of 133 degrees Fahrenheit kills the Tularemia germs.

Creosoting Fence Posts

Fence Posts Of Poplar—Properly Treated—Last For Years

At the Dominion forest nursery, maintained by the Forest Service, Department of the Interior, at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, fence-posts of poplar, creosoted, have lasted from 1917 to the present and are still sound. Untreated posts, on the other hand, have rotted out in two or three years. Efforts are now being made to devise an apparatus for treating posts which will enable any farmer to set up a simple home treating plant at small expense.

Regina's Building Increases

Building permits issued in Regina from January 1st to October 31st amount to \$3,445,729, as compared with \$5,146,010 for the corresponding period of last year.

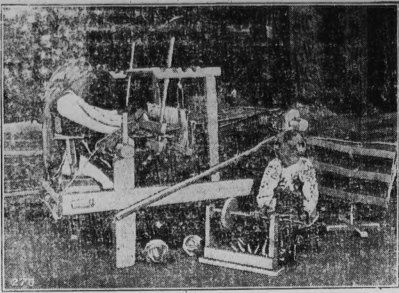
Canadians own about 60 per cent. of the securities of all the enterprises on Canadian soil.



"These asbestos socks are good for cold feet. They are the worst conductors of heat we have."

Newrich: "Nonsense! Give me the best."—Nagels Lustige Welt, Berlin.

Foundation of National Culture



Two new Canadians from Roumania demonstrate the art of weaving at Regina.

Those who have in the past regarded the New Canadians from Europe as hewers of wood and drawers of water must, after the recent demonstrations at the Great West Festival at Regina, admit that these peoples have, with their native arts, decidedly enhanced the cultural wealth of the country of their adoption. J. Murray Gibbon, who sponsored the festival under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific Railway, even goes so far as to say that Saskatchewan and the other prairie provinces have within their borders the foundation of a National culture finer than that of any other nation on earth. To this foundation, the first seed for which had been turned at the previous festival at Winnipeg, all the races which go to make up the peoples of the West have contributed—Icelanders and Irish with their folk-songs and lore, Swedes and Slavs alike with their folk-crafts and dances. Hardly a race known to civilization, old or new, but contributed to the festival some artistry which will make for the further development of that culture which, being national, will be the means of welding to a still greater solidarity those people who are Canada.

That the movement for the attainment of this end is a popular one was demonstrated by the fact that literally thousands were unable to obtain admission to the exhibits and concerts and that western cities are vying with one another as the site of the next festival.

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THE OLD YEAR PASSES

As old 1929 totters over the horizon of time and into the limbo of things beyond recall, we shed a tear for his passing, but we welcome with cheers the arrival of his successor, young, strong, ambitious 1930.

The past year brought many blessings and many disappointments. It brought, to some of us, financial reverses or the loss of loved ones; and to others it brought prosperity and a measure of happiness. And to all of us it brought a taste of life's flowing cup, and experiences that should fit us the better to cope with the problems we shall meet in 1930.

One of the greatest attributes of mankind is the ability to forget—to forget the misfortunes, heartaches, and physical and mental anguish. Distance all things enhances, both in prospect and retrospect, and that which today seems dire misfortune, making deep and ugly wounds, is mended by the healing hand of time leaving naught but a few faint scars behind. But that which gave us joy and happiness seems to stand out clear and distinct in strong contrast to the misty memories of misfortune.

And so we leave behind the misfortunes of 1929, taking with us into 1930 only happy memories, and looking for the new year to bring a fuller measure of happiness and prosperity.

We've passed another milestone on the onward march of life. And mayhap the struggle's bitter, and we're wounded in the strife, but the crumbs of love and happiness we gather on the way. Are ample compensation for the hardships of the day.

TAX ON GASOLINE

Despite rebates of \$250,000 in six months to users of gasoline for industrial purposes, Alberta's gasoline tax looks as if it will go over the top with a bang before the fiscal year ends on March 31st, 1930.

The net estimated revenue from the tax was \$1,800,000 for the year from April 1st, 1929 to March 31st, 1930. But revenue from the tax from April 1st, 1929 to November has already amounted to \$2,000,000 and more.

ROTATION TO CONTROL THISTLES

The Great Northern Railway, which is very much concerned about the quality of farming practiced in the territory served by its lines, promotes automobile tours every summer, in the course of which farmers are taken to see the best examples of weed control to be found in the Red River Valley.

Probably the best results of these tours has been to build public confidence that the sow thistle can be controlled, and to impress upon the public mind that the best way to control it is to grow alfalfa and sweet clover in rotation with other crops. This practice naturally calls for the use of livestock, both to consume the legumes and to pasture the sow thistles. This system is simply the plan which the agricultural colleges and experimental stations of this country have been advocating for many years to control weeds and maintain soil fertility.

One such tour last summer, from Grand Forks to Winnipeg, took the visitors to an outstanding example of sow thistle control on the farm of J. F. Kippen and Son, on the American side of the border. On this farm small grain is grown in a three-year rotation with sweet clover, the latter being used both for pasture and hay for cattle, sheep, and horses. In making hay, Mr. Kippen and his son pasture the sweet clover closely until about June 1st, then take the cattle or sheep off. The growth which follows is much finer in quality because it has been pastured. He cuts it with a binder when it is in blossom, shocks it and hauls it to the barn or into the stack as soon as it is well cured. He says that when sweet clover hay is handled this way it never heats, and is practically equal in quality to alfalfa. — The Country Guide.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Parties hunting on or damaging fences on the following lands will be prosecuted. All of Section 4; S.E. and N.W. of Section 2; West half of Section 16; N.E. and S.E. of Section 20, all in Township 45, Range 9, West of 1st — J. H. and Joe Gubra, Irma, Alta.

10-15P.

VIKING

A branch of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, was organized here on December 26th, a meeting held in the Fitzmaurice & Kelcey office in the afternoon. Capt. G. L. Hudson, provincial organizer was present and assisted in forming the branch. Officers were elected as follows: Hon. Pres. Dr. Little; President, R. F. Kelcey; vice-president, Rev. Bainbridge; secretary, J. McLaughlin; executive, Dr. Saunders, P. A. Main, J. L. Clinton, J. J. Leeder and H. G. Thunell. The annual fees are \$2.00 per member.

By affiliating with the dominion command, the local branch will have the same privileges as the larger branches, and all veterans in the district are urged to see the local president or secretary as soon as possible and make application for membership.

The Canadian Legion is, now upon a very solid footing and is doing much for its members all over Canada. By joining up it strengthens the ranks of the returned men in the district and is urged to see the local president or secretary as soon as possible and make application for membership.

The annual Christmas tree exercises of the United Sunday School were held at the Community Hall on Monday, December 23rd. A program of unusual merit was presented to a gathering of proud parents and friends of Sunday School work. From the nursery rhymes given so splendidly by the little tots to the drills and plays put on by the older pupils, every item was given hearty approval. The work of the Sunday school teachers and workers was also appreciated in the training of the youngsters in their exercises. The arrival of Santa was a signal for a little jollification among the little ones, all of whom were remembered by the jolly fellow who was pleased to make his first visit to the new hall, and promised to be back if they all were as good as they were during the past year.

The Christmas programs in the various country school districts were also of a very high merit, and to say the least the community as a whole was well represented with various holiday festivities during the yuletide. Almost every home in the community entertained guests at some time during the holidays, many whose names we have been unable to secure publication in this column. Nevertheless, these visitors have enjoyed the hospitality for which this district is known.

Chow Sing and Chow Hen, proprietors of the Viking Cafe, opened their second cafe, which is called the Boston Cafe, last week, in the building formerly occupied by the Christie Grant Co. The visitors have been filled up very neatly with booths and tables, and the fixtures throughout are modern, including a frigidite system. It makes a splendid addition to the eating places now operating in town.

T. H. Metcalf has sold his interest in the Viking Movies to Chan Collins, who has been associated with him since they opened here six months ago. They have given this community some very good programs, and Mr. Collins expects to have even better shows after the new year.

W. H. Miller, popularly known as "Billy Miller, formerly of the Vegreville Observer staff, is now publisher of the Crossfield Chronicle and is making a good job of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones, of Irma, spent Christmas day at the S. W. Jones home here. They left the next day for California where they will spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones, of Huntington Beach.

Christmas Day passed very quietly in town and district. Most everybody had friends or guests in to enjoy a visit, while others motored to the country or neighboring districts to spend the day. The weather was comparatively mild, and the roads good enough for motor travel.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. C. G. Purvis on Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

Wallace Wemp was home from Kelcey for the Christmas holiday at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Wemp.

Mitchell Fitzmaurice, who is attending school in Calgary, spent the Christmas vacation here at the home of his parents.

J. E. Kringsen had the misfortune of losing his house on his farm about three miles north of town on December 24th. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Max Gray, who is managing an elevator at Condo, was on Saturday to spend New Year's with his father B. B. Gray and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. R. J. Adams left last week for Toronto where she will spend a few weeks at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop of Irma, were guests at the H. Rollins' home on Christmas Day.

G. L. Hudson, of Wainwright, who is provincial organizer for the Canadian Legion, was a visitor in town last week.

West Has Priceless Heritage



Saskatchewan might be termed the epitome of Canada's Great West. No other Province has a more interesting population, for the fabric out of which that population has been woven contains threads of so many racial cultures. Of the eight hundred and seven thousand souls recorded in the census of 1926, three-fourths are of British descent, with English and Scots blood predominating. Over half a million were born in Canada, and of these a small but notable sprinkling are of French-Canadian descent. Ninety-eight thousand were born in the British Isles. Continental Europe has added twenty-two racial strains of which the larger groups may be summarized as Slavonic (55,000), Scandinavian (20,000), Teutonic (20,000) and Romanic (14,000). The aboriginal Indian population numbers about 13,000. Each of these racial groups can contribute something to Canadian art and music, for each has its traditions of handicraft and folksong, traditions which

represent an inherent love for beautiful things and a love of melody. Folksong is intimately linked up with handicraft, for it is to the accompaniment of folksong that the spinning wheel turns and the beautiful homespun fabrics are woven. These fabrics can never be duplicated by the factory-made article, and the efforts of the Canadian Handicrafts Guild to find and retain a market for the craft-work which can be done during the winter months on the farms of Western Canada is therefore well worthy of support. This Guild is preparing a handicraft exhibit in connection with the Folksong and Folkmusic Festival which the Canadian Pacific is organizing to be held at Regina, March 20-23rd, as the inauguration of a Saskatchewan Branch. The main idea of this Great West festival is to help Canadians to realize the priceless heritage which they possess in the traditional melodies which have been brought to this country by immigrants, and in some cases have been composed in this country by early settlers. The folk music is so immense that only a glimpse of it can be secured in the four days of this particular festival, but some of the greatest artists of the continent will render interpretations and it promises indeed, to be a feast of music and color. Poul Bai, the Danish baritone will feature in Norse music, Charles Marchand in the French-Canadian folksongs and almost every nation will be represented in handicraft as in song. Above is seen a Slovak weaver who will remove his pipe and sing to his handiwork.

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Miss Ardis Wood is a guest at the home of her sister Mrs. H. Rollans. George Campbell arrived on Monday to take in the New Year's eve dance.

Paul Loring was brought in from Jarow on Sunday evening suffering from a broken leg as a result from falling off a horse.

Miss Eva Havens is down from Edmonton spending the holidays at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Havens.

Lane McAthey who is attending the University is enjoying the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McAthey.

John Hafso is home from Calgary where he is attending technical college to spend the holiday with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Metcalf left last week for Edmonton where they will reside in the future. While here they made many friends who regret their departure. Mr. Metcalf will continue his pianoforte class here, coming down from the city on Fridays and Saturdays.

Police Magistrate I. Millar, of Sedgewick, had a busy time here on December 20th, when he disposed of several vagrancy and assault, and wounding cases, that came as a result of an affair that had as its setting one of the country school houses southwest of town.

Mike Micak, Pete Micak, and Dometro Cwihula were fined \$20.00 and costs each for vagrancy. Mike and Dometro also received the same touch for assault. These fellows besides John and Joe Micak were bound over to hold the peace to the amounts ranging from \$500.00 to \$750.00. On a complaint of wounding, Pete Micak was fined \$50.00 and costs, and on a charge of mischief Dometro had to pay \$25.00 damages. Constable Miller of Viking, conducted the cases for the complainants, while Theo. White, Holden, acted for the defence.

Over four hundred kiddies were the guests of the Elks here on Saturday, December 21st, when a free picture show and treats were given all the kids who attended. They were a happy lot, and when Santa Claus arrived just after the show, there was an unusual scene of merriment and joy among all the young fluttering hearts. And Santa didn't forget one of the youngsters.

When Santa was interviewed by a News reporter he stated how pleased he was to be back in Viking and revisit all his old friends among the Elks and other business men of the town, and as he drove away he told us he would be back again next year, to see all his little friends who were at the hall, together with as many more who will be able to attend next year. The arrangements carried out by the local Elks committee were very well done.

A very pretty wedding took place in the Viking United Church on December 26th at two o'clock in the afternoon, when Mildred Mae, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Creure of Viking, was united in marriage to Mr. Lauritz J. Rasmussen, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rasmussen, of Edmonton. Rev. Mr. Stambaugh, of Bruce, officiated, assisted by Rev. Mr. Knibridge of the Viking United Church. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father to the strains of the wedding march played by Mr. Kenneth Hilliker. During the signing of the register, Mr. Wm. Kerns, of Kinsella, sang "Love's Old Sweet Song."

The bride was charmingly gowned in beige pink satin and lace and had to match, carrying a bouquet of pink carnations and ferns tied with long streamers of tulle. The bridesmaid, sister of the groom, Miss Francis Rasmussen, of Edmonton, wore a pretty frock of yellow satin trimmed with lace, and wore a black hat. The bride's mother was dressed in grey with a bouquet of roses, and the groom's mother was gowned in a pretty dress of sand lace. Mr. Elmer Crouse, brother of the bride, assisted the groom.

Immediately after the ceremony a delicious buffet lunch was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Wm. Kerns, of Kinsella, was in charge of the lunch. The wedding cake centred the table which was trimmed with pink and white streamers, this color scheme being carried throughout the house. A speech was made by Mr. Revill, of Kinsella, on behalf of the bride and groom which was replied to by F. Rasmussen and Mr. Crouse.

The bridal couple were presented with many lovely and useful gifts. They left on their honeymoon train mid showers of confetti and rice, carrying with them the best wishes of the whole community.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the United Church here, on Wednesday evening, December 18th, when Mrs. Lucy Howes Merriek became the bride of Joseph Francis St. Peter, both of Wainwright. Rev. J. W. Bainbridge officiated.

Here and There

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The total forest area of Canada is estimated to be 1,151,454 square miles. Of this area, 825,889 square miles are productive and accessible; a little over one-third of this area bears timber of merchantable size; the remainder carries young growth not yet suitable for use.

The all-lines championship in the Canadian Pacific Railway First Aid Competition has been won by the police team of the Windsor station Montreal for the first time in the history of the championship. Winners took 315 1/2 points out of a possible 425, the nearest to which — the team from Nelson being 285 1/2. Members of the winners were Owen Tomlinson, William Peterson, Ernest G. Wykes, William H. Allison (Captain), and Andrew H. Stott.

More than three hundred people from the west left Winnipeg on Canadian Pacific Railway special travelling to ship's side at Saint John to sail on Duchess of Richmond, December 14, to spend their Christmas and New Year holidays in Great Britain. The majority of the travellers represent workers on the land rather than city dwellers.

With the objective of being one of the largest and most palatial buildings of its kind in the continent, the new clubhouse of the Colwood Golf and Country Club at Victoria is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for formal opening in time for the second annual Empress mid-winter tournament to be played over the famous course February 17-22. It is in replacement of the clubhouse destroyed by fire about a year ago.

Honolulu welcomed S.S. Empress of Canada, giant flagship of the Canadian Pacific "Empress" fleet, when the crack liner arrived December 12, inaugurating Canadian service to the Hawaiian port, with a brilliant civic reception in which the mayor, the Chamber of Commerce and leading civic representatives and organizations took part. Honolulu gave a real old time "Aloha" greeting, proving its enthusiasm at the decision of the Canadian Pacific Steamships service to include Honolulu as a frequent port of call.

America's first sea-going Christmas tree was placed aboard Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Bedford which sails from New York December 23 on a 10-day cruise of the West Indies. A special choir has been selected for carol singing and the ship's orchestra will play Christmas music dating from the earliest Yuletide observances in England and Europe. Elizabethan pageantry, old-time English and American dances, Yule Logs, Boars' Heads, Barons of Beef and Druidic mistletoe will all feature in the festival.

The wheat championship of the world, won by Canadian farmers fifteen times in the last nineteen years, has again returned to Canada, after being held for two years by the state of Montana. This year it was awarded by the unanimous decision of judges at the International Grain and Hay Show at Chicago to Joseph H. B. Smith, of Wolf Creek, Alberta, and formerly of Leicester, England. His farm is 400 miles north of the international boundary and 130 miles west of Edmonton. He won with a sample of Reward wheat developed at the Canadian Government Experimental Farm at Ottawa and put on the market in 1923.

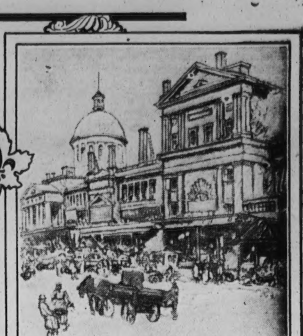
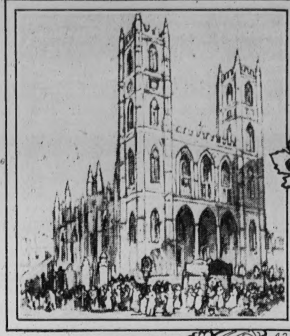
A corner of the 18-storey Marine Building on the corner of Burrard and Hastings streets, in Vancouver, has begun. When completed this will be the tallest building west of Toronto, where the greatest building, the new Royal York Hotel, of the C. P. R., is 23 storeys in height.

A monument to one of the builders of Canada is planned for Vancouver. Sir William Van Horne, first general manager and second president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was responsible for the selection of Vancouver as the western terminus for the transcontinental line, a decision that resulted in the growth and prosperity of Canada's second greatest seaport, and the citizens of the city propose to commemorate his foresight.

Every year the Canadian Pacific spends about \$2,000,000 in advertising its services and Canada's industrial and tourist attractions throughout the world.

In view of the present prosperity of Canada and of the Canadian Pacific, it is amusing to recall the item published in London Times over forty-five years ago. "The Canadian Pacific Railway," it runs, "has begun to launch its bonds. This railway, if it be ever finished, will run through a country frost-bound for seven or eight months of the year, and will connect with the eastern part of the Dominion a province which embraces about as forbidding country as any on the face of the earth. British Columbia is a barren, cold, mountainous country that is not worth keeping. It would never have been inhabited at all unless by trappers of the Hudson Bay Company had 'gold fever' not taken a party of adventurers there. Fifty railroads would be galvanized if it into prosperity. The much-toiled Manitoba settlement will not hold out many years. The people who have gone there, and the cattle and sheep that would be sent to the cold mountains, and the men and women who are not killed outright are often ruined for life by 'gold fever'."

Montreal with Pen and Pencil



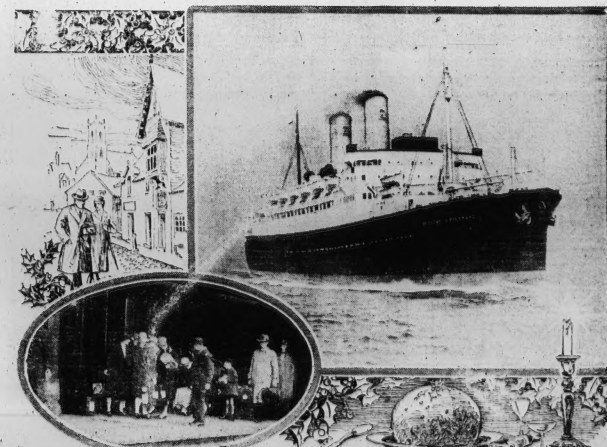
One of the oldest, most picturesque and historic cities on this continent—the city of Montreal—has found a worthy biography in the work of Victor Morin and the well-known Canadian Academician Charles W. Simpson, who have between them produced, under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a description in words and drawings bearing the above title. Written originally in French it has been rendered into English in a translation that conserves the original verve and atmosphere of the book. In forty pages of clear and readable type with fifteen full page reproductions of pictures that are in themselves works of art, the story of the city is told for the past three hundred years. Lay-out shows two contrasted and typical scenes; the famous church of Notre Dame, second largest on the continent; and Bonsecours market that resembles a scene taken from a city of Normandy.

Escaping Winter at Victoria



Early in the new year, and following an eight-day Yuletide Festival at the Empress Hotel, the same hostelry will be the scene under Canadian Pacific Railway auspices of a Sea Music Festival, January 15-18, at which British and Canadian sea chanteys will be featured. "Among the more outstanding will be the ballad operas, 'The Order of Good Cheer', incorporating old French sea songs of the period of Champlain; 'Bound for the Rio Grande', an opera filled with many favorite sea chanteys; and a farfetched play written by Ethel Bassin, 'At A Lews Fishing'. Fine voices, first-class choirs, some of them from the United States, others native, and excellent instrumental effects will all be in evidence under the musical direction of Harold Eustace Key. Lay-out shows scenes from 'Bound for the Rio Grande', 'Flashy Dances', and 'The Order of Good Cheer'. Following the sea music festival, there will be staged in February the Victoria mid-winter golf tournament at Colwood Park, with a special trophy presented by E. W. Barry, chairman and president of the Railway, which was first held with such success last year and attracted a fine entry list. Victoria, where grass is green and flowers bloom the year round, will thus again prove its title to be considered the Riviera of Canada with a mild climate making it a pleasant rest resort in winter.

Home for Christmas



Mulled ale, roasted chestnuts, real English plum pudding, Tom Smith's crackers, the 'waits', the piping tribe of young carol singers, the joyous Christmas peal of the Bells of St. Martin's, poulterers' shops with their rows of be-ribboned turkeys, the homey foggy atmosphere of England on a slightly frosty Christmas morning—and the myriad other recollections of Dickens' conception of Christmas at home are the beacons that guide many Britishers homeward in late November and early December.

From prairie farmstead, British Columbia fruit farm, the peach orchards of the Niagara Peninsula, the apple districts of Northumberland and Durham, and from the lovely country of Evangeline a steady stream heads towards Saint John, N.B., whence the Christmas ships sail.

This year five Canadian Pacific ships have been detailed for the Christmas movement—"Minidosa", November 26, "Duchess of Athol" Dec. 6, "Montcalm" Dec. 12, "Duchess of Richmond" Dec. 14, and "Duchess of York" Dec. 18th. The last four sail from Saint John, but the "Minidosa", as usual, crosses the Montreal season.

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SYNOPSIS

Al Stone, singing waiter at Blackie Joe's New York night club, is loved by Grace Farrell, the cigarette girl, but he doesn't know it. He marries Molly Winton, a ballad singer, and wins fame as a composer of popular songs. When their baby, Junior, is about two years old, Molly elopes with John Perry, Al's best friend. She and Perry take the child Al months later and sail for France. Al, broken by the loss, becomes a derelict. Months later he drifts into Blackie's place at night, where Grace Farrell, who still loves him, shames him into the promise to stage a come-back. They leave the club together shortly after dawn, but as they reach the street Al staggers.

CHAPTER XXVI

"What's the matter?" Grace asked anxiously. "It's just the effect of coming suddenly into the sunlight after all that has happened—back there. I'm not quite sure of myself and my directions. And I look so terrible daylight-and-out in this bright daylight!"

That was true, Al's appearance was painfully seedy, but Grace dismissed that.

"We'll soon fix everything," she said confidently. "And Al—?"

"Yes." "If I'm to help you, you must give me your full confidence—tell where you're living and promise not to run away again."

"I will, Grace," Al answered earnestly, in the tone of a child who wants desperately to make a good impression. "I'll promise."

Grace smiled in spite of her attempt to appear a trifle stern. "Well, then, come along."

As they strolled along the sunlit streets, with Grace occasionally sending a happy glance up into Al's face, she could not help but realize how their positions were reversed from the time when she had first known him. Then she had been a frightened child and big, generous Al had protected her from the rowdy customers at Blackie's place. Now she was almost leading that same man as if he were a child, protecting him and encouraging him constantly. Her heart was ready to burst with pride and love.

"Where do you live?" she asked. "It's over there," said Al, vaguely indicating the East Side. "You know," he paused irresolutely, "I hate for you to walk over there. It's such a dump. Just a rickety, cheap hotel—almost like a flop house."

"That doesn't matter to me," said Grace quickly, "but if you'd rather go home alone, all right. Only don't think I care about your clothes or where you live, or anything like that. I just care about you."

There was no mistaking the look in Grace's eyes—Al realized at last that she loved him. Yet he marvelled at it—how could she love a down-and-out like him? He felt a rapid throb under his dilapidated vest, an emotion he had not known for a long time. He wanted to put his arms about her and tell her how much she meant to him, but he held back.

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back. This was neither the time nor the place.

"Before you go home," suggested Grace, "walk over to the Square with me. I live near there. We can sit on a bench and talk for a while. It will be good for you."

Al nodded. Presently they emerged from the canyons of streets to the wide green expanse of Washington Square.

"See how beautiful it is," said Grace. "I thought it would make you feel better. The leaves are turning red and yellow. And see how a few of the green bushes look passing under the trees. Here, we'll try this bench."

Al sat down and relaxed, his eyes half closed. The autumnal morning sunlight slanted down from between two skyscrapers, spreading fan-shape over the level expanse and lighting the white arch. Italian stum children played on the south side, while in the northern part of the Square the children of the rich toddled about, under the watchful eyes of nurses.

"You say you live near here?" Al asked finally. "Yes, just around the corner on Waverley Place. I have a room."

"Oh yes." Some hint of Grace's rather bleak and lonely life was borne home to Al in that one sentence—"I have a room." She had a room but, like thousands of other girls in the metropolis, she had no real home, no family, nothing much but dreams. Yet she lived happily and without murmuring, thought Al, while he—The sentence remained unfinshed.

He rose. "Grace, you're the most wonderful girl in the world. I know it—just last. We'll talk a great deal about that later. But now you must go home and get some sleep. I'll go my way and—I'll see you tonight at Blackie's."

Grace stood before him, eyes glowing. "Thank you, Al," she whispered. She felt her hand seized. Suddenly he leaned over and kissed it.

"Bye, little one, it's I who should do the thanking.... You'll see me tonight and, if clothes can make a difference, you'll see a different person. You just won't know Al Stone in his glad garments. And listen—you see that hotel over there—the white one?"

"Yes."

"That will be my address tomorrow. Then we'll be near each other and I can walk home with you every morning from Blackie's place. Tell Blackie I'm coming over to try out with his show if he'll give me a job."

Al was walking away, with Grace staring after him. He strode along briskly now and when he reached the edge of the Square he turned to wave goodbye to the girl who was now his. For a moment Grace waited after he had disappeared, then she turned the other way toward her own home. Passers-by who saw her face knew that one girl had found happiness.

Al had over-estimated his strength in keeping up that rapid pace. He maintained it until he reached his hotel bedroom, then he sat down on the side of the bed, verging on physical collapse. The room's dinginess and the feeling communicated of the life he had been leading, brought a sudden wave of depression on. But he fought it off, rose and began pacing up and down.

"I won't be licked," he told himself sharply. "Throw that little girl down after all she's done for me—never!" He quickly opened a bureau drawer, took out an old sock and drew forth a roll of bills. The bills were quickly stuffed into the coat pocket, then he ran from the room as if escaping from a scene of pestilence.

An hour later he entered a men's haberdashery. He was shaved and his hair was trimmed. A clerk looked at him suspiciously, but finally deigned to approach.

"I want some clothes. Shirts, ties, socks, shoes, suits—the whole thing."

"Yes?" The clerk's nose rose a trifle higher.

"It's all right," said Al, and added simply, "I have the money." When he drew out his roll of bills the clerk's eyes bulged.

"I want the best you've got—and suppose we start on a blue serge suit. I always liked blue serge. Then I want some tweeds and some evening clothes."

The clerk saw a big commission ahead and stepped lively to supply Al's wants. But he couldn't help wondering if this bunzo had stolen the money or if some rich relative had suddenly died and left him a fortune. As they went from counter to counter Al's sense of shame at his run-down appearance left him; he even began to take a keen delight in the wonder he excited among the clerks and the other customers.

Grace had gone home to sleep as Al suggested. It was sleep broken by sore dreams, during which she seemed to be floating gently under a clear blue sky. When she awoke it was afternoon. Soon she was hurrying toward Blackie's club.

Now it was well on toward midnight and Al had not appeared. Grace bent over her accounts and checked the waiters as they passed by.

her. Was Al going to fail her; would he prove too weak to make the comeback, after all her efforts? She drove the thought resolutely from her mind. (To Be Continued.)

Child Slavery in China

Authorities Find It Very Difficult To Deal With Situation

In connection with the introduction of a bill into the Hong Kong legislature for the abolition of the "mulatto" system, whereby little girls are sold into domestic slavery, it was said recently that the system could not be done away with by legislation, but required the education of public opinion.

In effect this was the explanation of the failure of the British Government to wipe out this blot. Forty years ago Lord Kimberley, the then governor of the colony, found that while by law there was no slavery, in practice it existed. From then onwards there have been constant proclamations making the purchase of children between the ages of four and 14 illegal.

The obvious evasion was that by religion and tradition it was customary to "adopt" children as servants. Certain money passed, but that was only as a form of compensation. In some ways, it was argued the children were better off with their new owners as they often came from poor homes. However, it is common knowledge that these children were, and still are, treated with cruelty, made to serve as drudges, and even employed for worse purposes.

Big Project Being Planned

Engineers Discuss Reclaiming Vast Section Of Submerged Europe

A project for reclaiming a vast section of Europe capable of supporting 20,000,000 people and which sank into the North Sea 500,000 years ago is being discussed by engineers. If ever materialized its sponsors believe the scheme would go far toward solving Europe's problem of over-population. Technically the plan is feasible, say the engineers. They do not, however, attempt to forecast how the political problem of dividing the land among England, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Germany would be solved.

The project contemplates a huge dam some 500 miles long from off Spurn Head, England, to the northern end of Denmark, and another dam across the English Channel from Dover to Calais. It is figured that the main dam would rest upon a former mountain which is now 23 to 47 meters (75 to 154) feet below surface.

Back of the barriers would be land covered by an average of 50 feet of water. The schemers say that draining this would be comparatively easy. Then there would appear a great stretch of land which formerly connected England with the continent and which is believed to be rich in agricultural and mineral possibilities.

Anticipated Modern Science

Cure For Paralysis Known To South African Witch Doctors

One of the strongest unions in the world is that of South African "witch doctors." The Durban, as the organization is known, was formed in order to protect the native medicine men of South Africa. Though the law now frowns on them, these witch-doctors still have a big hold on the natives, and have, it must be admitted, some remarkable cures to their credit.

In part, these cures may be due to knowledge of the healing properties of herbs—there are old people, even in this country, who by means of similar knowledge of simples are often consulted in cases of illness. But the witch-doctors have also anticipated modern science in at least one remarkable instance—they were curing general paralysis by means of the bite of malaria-carrying mosquitoes for years before the same treatment was adopted by medical men.

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Effect Of Sun Spots

Four sections of spruce trees from the province of Quebec, measured at the Dominion Observatory, indicate in the annual growth-rings a variation corresponding to the sunspot period of 11.5 years, with the maximum growth on the average 22 per cent greater than the minimum growth.

A number of Canadian Shorthorn cattle are going to Manchuria, having been purchased by an agent of the South Manchurian Railway with a view to improving the native cattle of Manchuria, according to the Agricultural Department of the Canadian National Railway.

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Bobbed hair was the fashion 1,000 years ago, and the Vikings had already invented a "zipper." These interesting facts, together with many others of greater scientific importance, have been established through the discovery near Tils, East Prussia, of a great Viking burial place, dating from the ninth, tenth, and eleventh centuries. Thus far eighty graves have been opened, and these are but a small part of the total. The finds are unusually rich. Each man's grave contains three or four iron swords, as many as a dozen lance heads and knives, bronze belt buckles, stirrups and spangles. The women's graves also contain bronze bracelets, rings, necklaces, cleverly worked brooches and headbands. In one of these graves a young woman with bobbed hair was found, as also "zipper," which were used in place of buttons or pins to secure garments. The finds will be placed in the Prussian Museum, in Konigsberg.

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In spite of all precautions, little ones will take colds—especially during the changeable days of our Fall season. When the first symptoms appear—sneezing, redness of the eyes, running nose—Baby's Own Tablets should be given at once. They will rapidly break up the cold and prevent more serious complications. Mothers who keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the home always feel safe. In fact they are like having a doctor in the house. They are gentle but thorough laxatives which regulate the bowels, thus driving out constipation and indigestion and relieving the baby of the many childhood ailments which are the direct result of a clogged condition of the bowels or sour stomach. They are absolutely safe—be never guaranteed to contain no drug at all harmful to even the youngest babe. They cannot possibly do harm—they always do good.

Tourist Association

Canadian Association Of Tourist and Publicity Bureaux Is Formed At

A new association to be known as the Canadian Association of Tourist and Publicity Bureaux, with headquarters in Montreal, was formed at the concluding meeting of the convention of Canadian tourist, convention and publicity organizations. The new body, which will be represented from coast to coast, will take out a Dominion charter.

Hon. Mr. Justice Arsenault, representing the Prince Edward Island Publicity Association, was elected president.

Cheapest Of All Oils.—Considering the qualities of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil it is the cheapest of all preparations offered to the public. It is to be found in every drug store in Canada from coast to coast and all country merchants keep it for sale. So, being easily procurable and extremely moderate in price, no one should be without a bottle of it.

She came into the police station with a picture in her hand. "My husband has disappeared," she sobbed. "Here is his picture. I want you to find him."

The inspector looked up from the photograph. "Why?" he asked.

In China red as a body color for automobiles is prohibited because of religious significance, and in Spain blue is prohibited because it is the color of the royal family.

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Corns
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Health Agencies Plan Co-operation

Canadian Associations With \$2,000,000 Annual Budget Meet In

Ottawa. Very quietly, and without benefit of publicity, agencies that expend annually \$2,000,000 in promotion of Canadian health, met in Ottawa the other day, to discuss ways and means of co-ordinating their efforts and eliminating overlapping. So successful was this effort to bring into the field of national health, the same spirit of co-operation that is making giant business mergers one of the signs of the times, that the fourteen agencies participating are considering adopting a set, annual date for regularly pooling their wisdom and mutually arranging their programmes.

The meeting was called by Dr. J. H. King, Minister of Pensions and National Health, and presided over by Dr. J. A. Amyot. A list of the organizations represented, follows: Red Cross, Canadian Tuberculosis Association, Canadian Social Hygiene Council, Canadian Council on Child and Family Welfare, St. John's Ambulance Association, Canadian Dental Hygiene Council, Canadian Nurses' Association, Canadian Medical Association, National Council of Women, Canadian Public Health Association, Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene, Federation of Women's Institutes, Federation of French-Canadian Women and Victorian Order of Nurses.

One Woman In Eight

Dies From Cancer

While Male Mortality One In 11, Says Canadian Radiologist

Out of every eight Canadian and Amer. women one dies of cancer, according to Dr. Gordon E. Richards, Toronto, chairman of the convention of the Radiological Society of North America, held in Toronto, recently. Dr. Richards is director of the Department of Radiology in the University of Toronto.

Conditions, however, are steadily improving. "Even within the past five years, improvements in methods of treatment have increased the number of cures of cancer in women very greatly," he said, "and cures of throat and mouth cancer have increased by twenty-five per cent during that period." Dr. Joseph Colt Bloodgood, of Johns Hopkins University, and one of the most renowned cancer specialists in the world—who also attended the convention—stated in a recent interview that public education is, today, the greatest weapon in the fight against this disease.

Why He Honked

A young road-hog known for his determination never to be overtaken was going at great speed one day when he heard an insistent "honking" behind him.

He turned and saw, just on his hind wheels, a baby car driven by a wild-looking individual.

Back he turned to his wheel, down went the accelerator pedal, and up rushed the speed indicator.

Seventy-eight miles an hour were touched, but still the honking continued.

Just worn out, the speed maniac slowed down and drew to the side of the road.

"Come on, then, if you must pass," he cried.

"I'm sorry," said the driver of the baby car, "but I'm hooked on."

Saskatoon To Extend Paving

Subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the council at Saskatoon authorized the expenditure of \$150,000 on paving and road making for 1930. Of this amount, \$104,000 will be for permanent paving.

Epsom salts, comparatively harmless in the stomach, is a violent poison in the veins.

Good For Toothache—Minard's Liniment.

Little Helps For This Week

"Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."—Phil. II. 16.

Life hath a load Which must be borne, and safely may. Yet keep those cares without thee; let the heart Be God's alone, and choose the better part. Through all thy actions, counsels, and discourses, Let mildness and religion guide thee out: If truth be thine, what needs a brutish force? But what's not good and just ne'er go about.

—Henry Vaughan.

Elizabeth Fry drew up for her own guidance the following rules:—

1. Never lose any time. I do not think that lost which is spent in amusement or recreation every day; but always be in the act of being employed.
2. Never err the least in truth.
3. Never say an ill thing of a person when thou canst say a good thing of him; not only speak charitably but feel so.
4. Never be irritable or unkind to anybody.
5. Never indulge thyself in luxuries that are not necessary.
6. Do all things with consideration; and when thy path to act right is difficult, put confidence in that Power alone which is able to assist thee, and exert thy own powers as far as they go.

No More Asthma. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy sounds the death knell of this trying trouble. It stops the awful choking and painful breathing. It guards against night attacks and gives renewed ability to sleep and rest the whole night long. Much is claimed for this remedy, but nothing but what can be demonstrated by a trial. If you suffer from asthma try it and convince yourself of its great value.

Railway Speed Record

The speed record for transcontinental rail travel is held by the Canadian National Railways, one of the system's oil-electric locomotives having crossed from Montreal to Vancouver, 2,944 miles, in 67 hours.

Every man should realize that it is much easier to live within one's income than without one.

Vitamins have been found in hash, but the name of the painstaking explorer has not been made public.

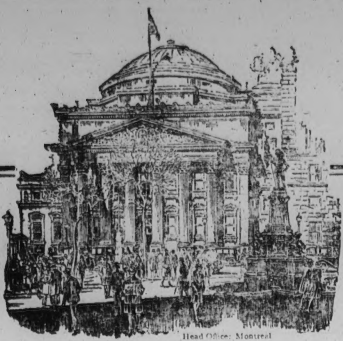


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"I think Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is wonderful. I have had six children of which four are living and my youngest is a bonnie baby boy now eight months old who weighs 23 pounds. I have taken your medicine before each of them was born and have certainly received great benefit from it. I urge my friends to take it as I am sure they will receive the same help I did."—Mrs. Milton McMillan, Vancouver, Ontario.

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ASSETS

Cash on hand and due from Banks and Bankers	\$148,338,437.09
Notes of and cheques on other Banks	63,407,537.64
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	98,670,889.98
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	25,033,797.02
Railway and Other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	5,926,828.59
Call and Short Loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	154,012,667.55
Quick Assets	\$496,269,977.87
Loans and Discounts and other Assets	441,228,561.20
Bank Premises	14,500,000.00
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit	13,338,458.66
	\$965,336,997.13

LIABILITIES TO THE PUBLIC

Notes in Circulation	\$45,465,136.50
Deposits	\$11,723,876.89
Letters of Credit Outstanding	13,338,458.66
Other Liabilities	18,371,102.16
Total Liabilities to Public	\$888,898,352.61

Excess of Assets over Liabilities to Public \$76,438,743.52



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LOCAL NEWS

NOTICE

Owing to the absence of the editor The Times will not be issued on Friday, January 10th. The next issue will be dated Friday, January 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Masson spent Christmas with Mrs. Masson's parents at Viking.

Mr. C. T. Schon, of Brooks, Alta., spent Christmas with his brother L. A. Schon, at Irma.

Geo. Renwick of Three Hills is spending a few days in the Alma Master district.

Gordon Fenton who has been visiting relatives here has returned to Edmonton.

Mr. Frickleton was a visitor in Edmonton on Tuesday.

Mrs. H. W. Love intends leaving for Vancouver next week.

Mr. Tom Askin, of Edmonton spent Christmas with his parents at Irma.

Mr. Eric Richardson has been home from the University for the holidays.

Miss Grace Love, who is attending the Vermilion School of Agriculture for the holidays.

Mr. E. W. Carter was in the Capital the first of the week.

Mrs. H. Stouffer and her son Harry, of Jarow, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnson at Irma.

Owing to the dance and road show in the hall there will be no picture show for the evening of Saturday, January 11th.

The stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Jackman, December 24th when a daughter arrived, both are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whyte left last week to spend the holidays with Mrs. Whyte's parents at Vancouver.

Mr. H. Donald, relief agent from Edmonton is in charge of the C.N.R. Depot during Mr. Whyte's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones and family are visiting relatives in California.

Miss Lila Maguire and R. A. Maguire spent Christmas with their family at Irma.

The next meeting of the Irma Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. G. A. Tripp Thursday afternoon, January 9th, as this is the annual meeting of the reports of the year will be given and all who are interested in Church work are requested to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Cockroft and children of Thorild, spent Christmas with Mrs. Cockroft's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hubbs, of Edmonton, returned Monday night after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Hubbs parents, Mr. and Mrs. Inklin.

Mrs. W. H. Prior returned, Monday after spending two months on Vancouver Island. Mrs. Prior reports excellent weather while away.

For some reason the residents of Irma and other towns between here and Camrose were out of light Christmas night for three hours. Something happened to the transmission line near Edmonton which required over three hours to locate the trouble and repair.

Mrs. M. New who has been in one of the Edmonton hospitals is doing nicely but will not be home for another week. Their daughter which was born on December 15th is also doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schon and family of Brooks, Alta., arrived in Irma Monday to spend New Year's with Mr. Schon's brother, L. A. Schon.

Christmas passed off with ideal winter weather, after about three weeks of very cold weather. The thermometer raised Tuesday to above zero and has stayed at from zero to freezing most of the time since. There is plenty of snow for good sleighing but not enough to prevent the cars from being used on most of the roads.

Live stock is standing the winter in good shape and most of the farmers who have stock to winter have plenty of feed to carry them through. The trouble is there are not enough farmers keeping live stock, and many who have sold all their stock in years when they had good crops are wishing now they had some pasture or can get the money to buy more stock.

WANT ADS

WANTED—A few good Buff Orpington Cockerels. Also have some of same breed for sale or exchange. —Joe Gubbins, Phone 416, Irma, Alberta. 10-12p

FOR SALE—McLaughlin Touring car, well made for cattle or horses. W. H. Morse, N.W. 10-463-44th, Irma, Alta. 10-12p

FOR SALE—Three old Geese, Gander, and several young ones. —R. S. Lissen, Jarow, Alta. 7-40p

Here and There

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The Canadian Chambers of Commerce who have been making a tour of western Canada, has reiterated its previous stand in favor of a continuation of the assisted emigration of selected British settlers of a desirable type. A report of the national immigration conference, under the chairmanship of George W. Allen, K.C., of Winnipeg, which has made an exhaustive survey of the subject, has been presented and accepted.

Expressing the firm conviction that China was desirous of obtaining foreign capital and that it held no sympathy for Bolshevism, Tsem Chi, one of the Chinese delegates to the recent International Postal Congress at Geneva, reached Quebec recently on P.S. Empress of Scotland, en route for Shanghai.

Back from a six weeks' inspection trip in the United States and western Canada, W. R. MacInnes, Vice-President, and George Stephen, President, of the Montreal Canadian Pacific Railway, said that tourist traffic to Vancouver, Victoria and the Rockies showed very satisfactory increases this year. They emphasized that there was no feeling of pessimism in the Prairie Provinces.

It is expected that His Majesty King George V. will visit the Prince of Wales, will unveil the Vimy War Memorial in 1932, stated Brigadier-General T. B. Hughes, of Victoria, chief engineer of the Canadian Battlefields Memorial Commission in France and Belgium, interviewed on P.S. Mont-royal on his arrival in Canada recently.

"We manufacture 15 million pieces of toffee per day in Great Britain, but not enough of it comes into Canada and we are seriously considering the opening of a Canadian factory to cater direct to the Canadian people," said Sir Harry Mackintosh, head of the famous British candy firm of the same name, interviewed on P.S. Mont-royal on his arrival in Canada recently.

One of the most beautiful and costly displays in the recent Exhibition at Toronto was the exquisite diamond replica of the first Canadian Pacific Hotel, the Royal York, in Toronto. To build this unique miniature which was valued at over \$100,000, more than 15,000 Ellis faultless quality diamonds were utilized. These were mounted on a framework of solid wood covered with the finest wax. The miniature was drawn true to scale and measured 15 inches high by 12 inches broad.

TEN YEARS AGO

Farmers were paying a big price for straw for starving cattle.

Mr. Geo. Shortreed of Marville and Mr. Frank Roe of Irma passed away.

Mr. H. F. Jones was in Edmonton. Misses Nora and Mary McFarland spent the holidays at Irma.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knudson left for a trip to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hardy left for a trip to Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Jones of Bradwell, Sask., spent Christmas at Irma.

Dr. Little and family of Edmonton and W. W. Curtis spent Christmas at Irma.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Account of death of Richard Aykroyd.

Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Jarow who were visiting in California.

Miss C. Sellers returned from Ontario. Barney Devenny left for Vancouver.

Miss E. M. Solberg accepted position with local bank.

Miss Irene Fenton was home from Lamont for the holidays.

Tom Askin and Eric Richardson returned to University after spending holidays at Irma.

Mrs. Watkinson and Mrs. Hatch left for trip to Vancouver.

Mrs. Chas. Holt passed away at Rochester, Minn.

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— Elbert Hubbard.

Advertise in This Paper

Fresh Water Tiger



35 pound muskie captured by G. Clark of Toronto after an hour's fight with a light rod and nine pound test line.

Fishermen differ as to the fighting merits of the various species of the finny tribe to be found in North American waters. Some claim that inch for inch and pound for pound, the small mouth black bass is the gamiest fish that swims; others are equally enthusiastic in praise of the sleeked brook trout; while still another fraternity claim that the salmon puts up as noble a battle for liberty as any game fish extant. All are agreed, however, that the muscalunge, sometimes called the "fresh water tiger" is one of the greatest fighters known to anglers, and that he will put up a battle royal when attached to the business end of a rod.

One of the productive muscalunge streams in North America is French River in Ontario, Canada, which connects Lake Nipissing on the East with Georgian Bay on the West. This tangle of waterways is not only the haunt of the fighting muscalunge but it yields snail and large mouth black bass, great northern pike of enormous size and pickerel in abundance, as well as pan fish. Not long ago a prominent New York business man landed a 55 pound "muskie" after a battle which will probably satisfy his quest for a thrill for the rest of his life.

French River is two hundred miles north of Toronto on the Sudbury Line. The French River Bungalow Camp, a series of cozy individual bungalows centering around a main club house, provides comfortable accommodations for the angler and his family. Jack Strathdee, manager of this anglers' retreat, is a genial host who is glad to give the uninitiated fisherman a few tips on how to lure the wily "muskie." French River Bungalow Camp has as its adjunct Pine Rapids Camp, some 20 miles up the river, and located just at the spot where the "whoppers" are likely to lurk.